





The Daily Standard.  
Wednesday, September 17th, 1873.

Mail Irregularities.

There appears to be something manifestly wrong in the method of transmitting the mails across this continent, particularly as regards European newspapers, which calls for some attention on the part of the Dominion postal authorities. The route by which the English mails are forwarded is from Halifax to Windsor, thence through the United States via Chicago to San Francisco, and thence by direct steamer to this port, or occasionally overland via Olympia. By the route above indicated we should see the very farthest receive our English letters and newspapers in 20 or 23 days; but instead of such being the case, they do not as a rule reach their destination short of from 39 to 44 days, or from 17 to 22 days behind time. Now there is clearly a fault somewhere, and we would direct the attention of the Postmaster General of the Dominion thereto, with a view to its speedy rectification. There certainly exists no good reason for such delay. Allowing nine days for the trip from Liverpool to Halifax, nine days from Halifax to San Francisco, and four days from San Francisco to Victoria, we ought to receive our English mails here in 22 days from Liverpool. Last week's date of English papers (3d August) arrived here on the 10th September, 30 days from date of publication, with the exception of a few stray copies which came through accidentally by the United States mail, and the weeklies of the 9th of August will arrive here about the 25th September, or 45 days after publication. That those papers are needlessly detained somewhere in their course of transmission across the continent, is very palpable from the fact that the Canadian and American pictorial papers, containing copies of illustrations from English papers, reach us not infrequently from 10 to 14 days in advance of the papers from which they have been copied, and we frequently make extracts from our Canadian files of English news derived from English files two weeks before those same papers from which they made extracts, arrive in Victoria. This is a matter which the proper postal authorities should inquire into, as well in the interest of the people of this country, who are put to great inconvenience by the non-receipt of their English correspondence at the proper time, as well as to disappointment at not receiving their files of English papers until after much of the news which they contain has grown old and stale by having been published in American papers weeks before they reach their destination in this country. We can scarcely divest ourselves of the idea that our English newspapers are purposely delayed somewhere along the route for the very purpose of giving American journals an opportunity of anticipating the news which they contain, and thereby increasing the demand for American publications at the expense of their English rivals. Such sharp practice on the part of our neighbors is not always looked upon as disreputable, or beneath official dignity. There appeared lately a statement in the San Francisco Bulletin that the directors of the Pennsylvania railways had entered into a combination, of which the United States authorities would avail themselves, and have forwarded the English mail for the Pacific States via Halifax, Boston and St. Louis, instead of via Chicago, by which means they expected to receive letters in San Francisco in eighteen days from Liverpool, and would moreover avoid the snow-belt, which in the winter season frequently obstructs communication across the continent. Why could not our English mails be forwarded from Halifax by this route, instead of trailing them all through Canada, and being forwarded from Windsor? We think some such arrangement might be effected, and it would be a decided improvement upon the present roundabout and very unsatisfactory method of conveying the mails across the continent.

A Chapter for the "Colonist."

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of BRITISH COLUMBIA:  
HONORED SIR:—We the undersigned respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased to present to each of us a Royal Grant of 160 acres of the best and most desirable farming lands in British Columbia, free of all expense; and that you will be further pleased to erect thereon a new and commodious dwelling house with all modern improvements and conveniences, including a good pump in the kitchen and a bath-room upstairs; and that you will in addition have all the land cleared, put under good fences and well-ditched where necessary; and that you will furnish each farm with the most improved breeds of cows, sheep, pigs, and horses; and that you will include in the grant twelve months' provisions, and money enough to pay a first-rate Chinaman one year's wages. We have not mentioned dogs, for there is such a variety of tastes with respect to this noble animal that we prefer to purchase them ourselves providing the Government will furnish in lieu thereof two dogs to each of us.  
We specially request your Excellency to appoint the distinguished editor of the Colonist, and as his deputy the learned editor of the Mainland Guardian, to see that your instructions with respect to the Government's liberality in granting the prayer of the petitioners be faithfully carried out.  
Permit us to remain your Excellency's obedient servants,  
ARTHUR MIDDLEBURY,  
DONALD PRIDEFORD,  
GIDEON RESTLESS,  
LEONIDAS LANEBEER,  
MORGAN GREEDY.

P.S.—We forgot to speak of out-buildings, such as barns, stables, cattle sheds, etc.; also, that we think that the Government ought to make it the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to personally visit each proposed "free grant" and prepare a carefully digested agricultural report for our inspection previous to issuing the "grants." But as we do not wish to be thought unreasonable in our requests we leave these matters specially to your Excellency.  
In behalf of the petitioners,  
EQUITY.

New Advertisements.

Strayed FROM THE PREMISES OF Mr. Emily Steward, corner of Pioneer and Blanchard streets a light colored cow and calf, 2 years old, left by the owner. A reward will be paid to the finder upon return of same to above address.

FOR SYDNEY DIRECT.

THE FIRST CLASS CLIPPER  
Built British Ship  
"ENGLAND" 800 Tons Register.  
G. H. HARRINGTON, Commander.  
Will leave Port Townsend, W. T., on or about the 10th of October and has good accommodation for first and second class passengers.  
For particulars apply to  
WELCH, RITHET & CO.,  
Wharf Street.

RACES!

THE KEREMEOOS (SIMILAKMEN)

Annual Fall Meeting

Will be held on  
Wednesday and Thursday,  
October 29th and 30th.

RACES TO COMMENCE EACH DAY AT 12 O'CLOCK

FIRST DAY.  
1st Race—Purification Plate, 1/4 mile, single dash; free for all horses; catch weights. Entrance \$10 with \$25 added.  
2nd Race—Keremeeos Derby, 1 mile, single dash; for horses of all ages; 2 year olds to carry 80 lbs., 3 year olds 90 lbs., 4 year olds and upwards 120 lbs. Entrance \$10 with \$25 added.  
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HAN'S PATENT FIRE ARMS  
A Fine Assortment of

DOUBLE & SINGLE BARRELED GUNS  
ALSO  
Central Fire Breech Load-  
ing Guns.

GOVERNMENT STREET near Pender St.  
For Sale  
A THOROUGH BRED SHORT HORN  
Durham Bull, three years old, guaranteed  
in every respect. Took 800 lbs at the Exhibition last  
season. Can be seen at any time at Albert Head,  
Natchez, or on Exhibition Bay at Victoria.  
WILLIAM HUNT.

\$10 Reward  
VALERIE LOST ON WHEELER NORTH  
Pacific, on the 7th August, 1873, was a new  
saddle, marked "H. J." at the handle.  
WILLIAM HUNT.

SALE OF STOCK.

T. B. HUMPHREYS

Has received instructions to sell by Auction  
on

Friday, October 3rd, 1873.  
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.

On the premises of Mr. THOS. HARRIS,  
adjoining the Lion Brewery, Cedar Hill Road  
one mile from Town

100 Head of well bred HEIFERS,

From imported English Stock, by the most  
celebrated Stock-breeders of Oregon and  
Washington Territory.

ALSO—A Few  
WELL BRED COWS IN CALF

TERMS OF SALE—For all sums over \$200  
approved indorsed paper at 30 days accepted.  
A Lunch will be provided at 1 o'clock.  
T. BASIL HUMPHREYS, Auctioneer.

World Famed Blood Mixture

Trade Mark.—"Blood Mixture."  
THE GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER AND RESTORER.  
For cleansing and clearing the blood from all impurities,  
cannot be too highly recommended.  
For Scrofula, Scurvy, Skin Diseases, and Sores of all  
kinds it is a never failing and permanent cure.  
It Cures Old Sores.  
Cures Ulcerated Sores on the Neck.  
Cures Ulcerated Sore Legs.  
Cures Blackheads, or Pimples on the Face.  
Cures Scabby Sores.  
Cures Cancerous Ulcers.  
Cures Blood and Skin Diseases.  
Cures Glandular Swellings.  
Cures the Blood from all impure Matter,  
From whatever cause arising.  
As this mixture is pleasant to the taste, and warranted  
free from anything injurious to the most delicate  
constitution of either sex, the Proprietor solicits suffer-  
ers to give it a trial to test its value.  
Thousands of Testimonials from all parts.  
Sold in bottles at 25 cents each, and 1 Case, containing  
six times the quantity, for one dollar, by mail, sent  
permanently cured in the great majority of long-standing  
cases. BY ALL DRUGGISTS AND PATENT MEDICINE  
VENDERS throughout the world.  
Sole Proprietor, F. J. CLARK, Chemist,  
APO. HUNTERS' HALL, LINCOLN, ENGLAND.

EXPORT AGENTS.

Burgoyne, Burbridge and Co., Coleman street, London.  
Newbery and Sons, 21 Newgate street, London.  
Harcourt and Sons, 50 Newgate street, London.  
Sanger and Sons, Oxford street, London.  
And all the London Wholesale and Retail Druggists.

AGENTS IN CANADA.

Montreal—Seane, Mercer and Co., Wholesale Druggists.  
Lyons—Lyon and Co.  
Toronto—Lloyd and Co., Wholesale Druggists.  
Shaper and Owen  
Hamilton—Owen and Co.  
Halifax—Avery, Brown and Co.

For Sale

IN CONSEQUENCE OF SICKNESS IN  
the family, that beautiful homestead of Mrs. Lar-  
man, situated on the north side of Johnson street,  
across the house where Cook, comprises a well stocked lot with  
a good comfortable uthed and plastered house.  
The soil is of the best quality, with a good well of soft spring  
water. The house is heated by five hundred dollars.  
The fruit raised on the place yields about \$75 per year.  
For further particulars apply on the premises. \$10

SPRING RIDGE WATER.

THE NEW WATER COMPANY ARE  
now prepared to furnish families and others re-  
quiring the above, in excellent condition, and in quan-  
tities desired, on leaving names and address at their  
office next door but one to the Post Office, Government  
Street.

VICTORIA BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTORY,

GOVERNMENT STREET next to the New  
Post Office, Victoria.

W. HEATHORN,

PROPRIETOR.  
BOOTS & SHOES now supplied at  
a considerable reduction on former  
rates. A large assortment (suitable  
for the Fall Trade) now on hand.

WHOLESALE AGENTS

Welch, Rithet & Co.  
BOOTS & SHOES MADE TO MEASURE.  
LEATHER & FINDINGS FOR SALE. \$10 2nd Ave

REED'S PANORAMA

OF THE  
GREAT NORTH WEST!

At the  
ALHAMBRA HALL,  
September 16th, 17th and 18th.

Thirty-two Views of Oregon

Comprising the  
Modoc Stronghold, Battle  
Fields, and Assassination  
of the Peace Commis-  
sioners.

Doors open at 7.30. Panoramas move at 8 o'clock.  
Admission 50 cts. Reserved Seats 75 cts. \$10

THE SODA CREEK FLOURING MILL

with all Machinery and appurten-  
ances. Sale on the Premises.

TERMS CASH.  
pro. J. HARPER,  
T. HARPER.

Clinton, B. C.,  
23d August, 1873. \$10 2d Ave

GEORGE'S MARKET,

JOHNSON STREET.  
Next door to Hume's Dry Goods Store,  
Dealer in Venetian and all kinds of  
Game in Season.

New Advertisements.



BY-LAW

For Regulating Vehicles kept for Hire and Gain.

WHEREAS it is expedient to regulate vehicles kept for hire and  
gain in the City of Victoria, so as to prevent them from encum-  
bering the streets,  
Be it therefore enacted by the Mayor and Council of the Corporation  
of the City of Victoria as follows:

1.—That the following described places shall be the only stands  
on which it shall be lawful to place for hire buggies, carriages, coaches,  
cabs or such like vehicles, namely:—  
Along the centre of Yates Street from Government Street  
westward, along the west side of Broad Street from Yates  
Street eastward, and Bastion Square; the vehicles to be in  
single line.

2.—That the following described places shall be the only stands  
for which it shall be lawful to place for hire express waggons, carts or  
such like vehicles, namely:—  
Along the centre of Government Street from Yates Street  
northward, and along the south side of Fort Street from Gov-  
ernment Street westward, and that such vehicles be in single  
line.

3.—That no person having charge of any buggy, carriage, coach,  
cab, cart, waggon, or other vehicle kept for gain, as aforesaid, shall  
wantonly snap or flourish his whip, nor at any time needlessly leave  
such buggy, carriage, coach, cab, cart, waggon, or other vehicle, nor  
shall he make use of any obscene or impertinent language of any kind  
whatsoever, while in charge thereof.

4.—That no driver, carter, or cabman, or other person, shall un-  
reasonably or cruelly beat, or otherwise ill-use, any horse or animal  
under his care within the said City.

5.—That any person guilty of any infraction of any of the provi-  
sions of this By-Law, shall on conviction before the Police Magistrate,  
or other Justice of the Peace, for the said City, forfeit, at the discre-  
tion of the Police Magistrate or Justice of the Peace convicting, a sum  
of money not exceeding \$25.00 for each offence, and in default of pay-  
ment of any such fine, together with costs of prosecution, it shall be  
lawful for the Police Magistrate or other Justice of the Peace convicting  
as aforesaid, to issue his or their warrant to levy the amount of  
fine and costs by distress and sale of the offenders goods and chattels,  
and in case no sufficient distress to satisfy the amount of fine and costs  
shall be found, it shall be lawful for the Police Magistrate or Justice of  
the Peace as aforesaid, to commit the offender to the Common Gaol  
for any period not exceeding one month.

6.—This By-Law may be cited for all purposes as "The Vehicles  
Regulation By-Law, 1873."

Passed the Municipal Council this 10th day of September, 1873.

WM. DALBY, Mayor.  
WM. LEIGH, Clerk to the Municipal Council. [seal-7t]

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